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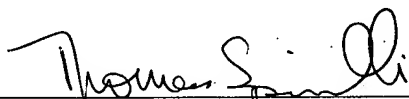
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated December 17, 2002, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-21 and 27-42, for continued prosecution herein.

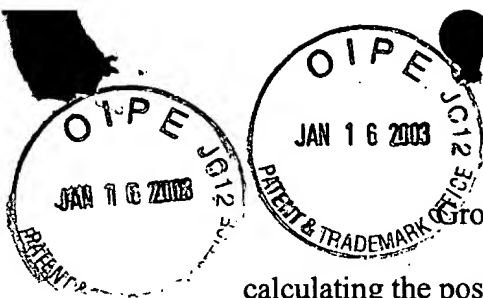
Claims 1-42 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-21 and 27-42, drawn to a combination of elements for calculating the position and orientation of an object, classified in class 382, subclass 287;

Group II, Claims 22-25, drawn to markers, classified in class 33, subclass 666;
and

Group III, Claim 26, drawn to a probe, classified in class 73, subclass 661.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-21 and 27-42. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

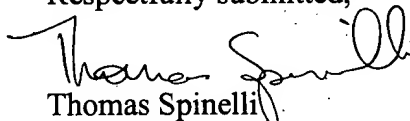
In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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